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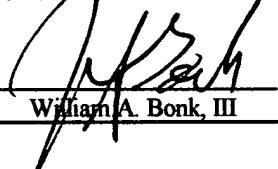
IN RE UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION OF:

APPLICANTS : William M. Traut *et al.* DATE : July 15, 2003
 SERIAL NO. : 10/073,184 FILED : February 13, 2002
 EXAMINER : M.C.T. Pham ART UNIT : 1724
 FOR : Vent For And Method Of Concealing And Venting A Septic System

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Deposit Date: July 15, 2003

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 William A. Bonk, III

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

**PETITION FOR TIME EXTENSION AND
 FEE TRANSMITTAL**

35 U.S.C. 133; 37 C.F.R. §§1.136(a) and 1.17

Applicants transmit herewith a response to an outstanding Office Action regarding the above-identified Application. Because the shortened statutory period expired May 24, 2003, Applicants respectfully request an extension of time for a period of two months, to extend the period for filing an appropriate paper responsive to the outstanding Office Action from May 24, 2003 to July 24, 2003.

Applicants qualify as a small entity. Accordingly, the undersigned encloses a check in the amount of \$205.00, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a).

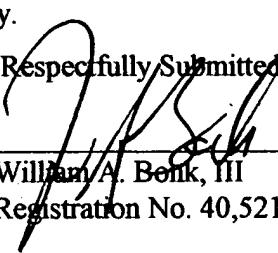
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